

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [00191] with the following amended paragraph:

[00191] Animal model: The formalin test is a suitable model for the field of inflammatory/persistent pain (~~Dubuisson~~ Dubuisson et al., ~~1997~~ 1977). In this test, 50 µl 5% formalin solution were injected unilaterally into the hind paw of adult Wistar rats and the animals were sacrificed 24 hours after the injection for removal of tissue. In parallel, isotonic saline solution was injected into the hind paw in the control animals.

Please replace paragraph [00228] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The following documents are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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